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## A LETTER *to a Country Gentleman, concerning the* PEACE.

*SIR*,

WHAT you, and every honeſt *Engliſhman*, have long deſired, is now accompliſhed; *the Wiſdom and ſteady Reſolution* of the Miniſtry to avoid War, have ſurmounted all Difficulties, and brought the embarraſſed Affairs of *Europe* to a happy Concluſion: A general Peace, as we are informed, is eſtabliſh'd. Could you imagine, ſceptical as you are, that this would be the Conſequence of what the Enemies to the Adminiſtration have called *Unnatural Alliances, deſtructive Expeditions Abroad, and merry making Armada's at Home*; *impracticable Treaties, and diſhonourable Expedients*? Don't the Alliances we formerly enter'd into, ſeem *more natural*? For that is *natural*, which is *reaſonable*; and that is *reaſonable*, which is a *proper Means* to a *good End*. Don't the *Expeditions Abroad*, tho' Ships periſhed, and Men were deſtroy'd, raiſe leſs Averſion; and the *Armada's at Home* make leſs Sport? Do our Treaties *now* appear *impracticable*, and our Expedients *diſhonourable*? Or rather, were they not *juſtly calculated* and *wiſely framed* to produce the Peace of *Europe*; by which Means Trade will flouriſh, Wealth increaſe, and we ſhall be as *proſperous* Abroad, as we are *free and happy* at Home?

'Tis, it muſt be own'd, very difficult to gain Credit to what is wrote in favour of *Men in Power*; becauſe we are ſtrongly prejudiced againſt them, and their Advocates. But, methinks, *plain Truths* ſhould make their Way: Thoſe need no Apology. And, I think, 'tis as evident as the Sun, *That the Abilities of the Miniſtry appear greater in adjuſting all theſe Differences by Negotiating, than by entring into a War, (perhaps long and unſucceſsful too) and after the End of it turn Negotiators again.* Going from Congreſs to Congreſs, entring into Negotiations upon Negotiations, and making Treaties upon Treaties, is far better than War; and 'tis infinitely more eligible to *treat for ever*, than *fight for ever*. It is the Practice only of hot-headed, weak, paſſionate Men, to reſent and *ſtrike immediately*; but all great Minds *conſider firſt*, and then act what ſeems *beſt upon the whole*, they never give a Blow till they have tried all other Ways, and find them unſucceſsful.

The ſeveral Princes of *Europe* were, a few Years ago, in a very ill Humour with one another; (for Princes, great as they are, are ſubject you know to *our Foibles*) they took Parties, felt or imagined Injuries, look'd and talk'd big, threatned War, arm'd, and ſeem'd, as our Poet has it,

Willing *to wound, and yet* afraid *to ſtrike.*

Tho' in reality 'twas not *Fear* but *Prudence*, (who, *Janus like*, looks *backwards and forwards*) which held their Hands. *Wiſdom* is always better than *Power*; nor, indeed, is *Power* at any time good, but as 'tis ſubſervient to the *Purpoſes of Wiſdom*, and a valuable End can't be obtain'd without it.

'Tis certainly the Intereſt of other Kingdoms and States to be at Peace; but more particularly ours, whoſe *Trade and Commerce* are more extenſive than any other Kingdom in the World. It concerned us, therefore, above all other Conſiderations, *to preſerve the Peace*, and try the Force of *Congreſſes, Negotiations and Treaties*; to wait Occaſions and proper Opportunities, or elſe, by good Management, to *make thoſe Occaſions*; and when they happen, ſtrike in with 'em, and extract from 'em all the Good we can; if we can't make up all Differences at once, to adjuſt as many as we are able; and agree with *thoſe Powers firſt*, where *our ſtrongeſt Intereſt* lies. This we did in the *Treaty of Seville*; we found out *an Expedient* to gratify the Inclinations of the Court of *Spain*, and ſo became *one with a Power* with whom 'tis always *our Intereſt* to be one. The Emperor, indeed, did not immediately come into this Treaty; but 'twas evident he muſt comply, when all the great Powers in *Europe* were reſolved; and he has, after putting himſelf to a great deal of Trouble and Charge, found that his *greateſt Intereſt* lies in Compliance, by *conſenting to the Treaty of Seville*. So that all Things look well, and ſeem to bid fair for *a laſting, as well as a general Peace.*

The *Alliances* which were entered into, in order to obtain this deſirable End, were not *unnatural or unreaſonable*; for *Circumſtances* may make thoſe Alliances *reaſonable for a Time*, which would be *pernicious*, if they *continued*; nor were our *Expeditions Abroad*, nor our Fleet at *Spithead*, ridiculous, if they were *neceſſary to obtain the End*; and that they were ſo, appear to every unprejudiced Man: For how *abſurd* would it be, and contrary to Common Senſe, *to treat or negotiate with exaſperated and armed* Nations, while we were *unarm'd*? No, our Buſineſs was to ſhew them, while we were *negotiating for Peace*, that we were *ready for War*; and were reſolved to *employ Force*, which is the *laſt Reaſon of Kings*, if *natural Reaſon* ſhould be found inſufficient.

But the End is obtained without it, and we are come where we *ought to be*, and where perhaps 'twas impoſſible to come before: *The Miniſtry* have brought Things where their *moſt inveterate Enemies* have all along ſaid they ſhould have brought them; and yet ſee the force of *Reſentment, Ambition and Diſappointment!* Now the Language is, *in Songs and Rhymes*,

*After a Maze of Treaties run,*
*We're e'en juſt where we firſt begun.*

Well; and what then? 'Tis very well we are, I think, if *that* is where we ought to be; 'tis very well for us that we are got out of *the Maze and Labyrinth*; which, 'tis very poſſible, *the wrong Conduct* of all the Powers in *Europe* might have form'd.

But then, they cry, who is to *Pay the Piper*: Ay, who indeed? But firſt let's know *who the Piper is*; and then be aſſured, that *England* pays him before *the Inſinuation* is made. It is certainly one of the vileſt things in the World, to be always *ſuppoſing the worſt of Men*, and attributing their Actions to *bad Cauſes*; when, for ought we know, *they are owing to the beſt*. We ought always to *ſuppoſe well of Mankind*, till we *know them to be ill*; or, at leaſt, have good reaſon to believe 'em ſo. Is it not, my Friend, the moſt ridiculous of all Things, to ſee Gentlemen, who are *unattach'd to any Miniſtry, or their Oppoſers*, enter into the Reſentments of thoſe, who *abuſe* only becauſe they *hate*? and who ſay the worſt things poſſible, without *believing* what they *ſay*, only to run down the Characters of Perſons, whom they are not able to *juſtle out of Power*? What hath the Nation to do with theſe Men? What are their Paſſions to the People? They ſhould deſpiſe 'em all; aſſert their own Reaſon, and judge by what *they ſee and know*, and not by what the Enemies of any Men in the World affirm; for, 'tis a Hundred, I was going to ſay, a Thouſand to One, if they ſpeak Truth.

Theſe *Miniſtry-haters* are ſo confounded at the News of the Peace, (ſuch is their Patriotiſm! and ſuch their Love of Country!) that they try all ways to ridicule, and leſſen the Belief of it: They ſay, *'tis not yet communicated to the Publick*; They query, *Whether it be general?* or, *What Stipulations are contain'd in it for the Intereſt of* Great Britain? They hint, *That* SOME PERSONS *may have already found great Advantages from the Riſe of Stocks: And hope, that* NO PERSONS *in great Stations, have made uſe of their ſecret Knowledge of Affairs to pick Pockets.*

What a Buſtle is here with *their ſome Perſons, and no Perſons*? How concern'd are theſe good Men for *Stipulations in Favour of Great Britain*? We want no Stipulations in our Favour; all we wanted, *was the Emperor's Compliance with the Treaty of Seville*; 'tis done, and we are at reſt. But how baſe and unworthy is the Hint, that the News of a Peace is put about on purpoſe *to pick Pockets!* and that too *by Perſons in great Stations and of high Rank.* Don't you, my Friend, abhor a Man, that will thus make Sport with the Reputation of *Gentlemen at the Head of Affairs*, upon whoſe *Reputation* too ſo much depends with relation to the Welfare of the Kingdom?

There is another *ſcurrilous Inſinuation*, at leaſt deſigned as ſuch, upon *the ſame Perſon of high Rank*, who is called, *a certain Great Projector and State Emperick*. The Inſinuation is this, *That he deſigns to propoſe a General Exciſe, under the plauſible, ſpecious, and flattering Pretence of taking off the Land Tax. And that he will attempt to put it in Execution*, (mind the Reaſon) BECAUSE *they have obſerved a Report about Town, that this Great Projector has diſcover'd an Inclination for a General Exciſe.*

*Theſe Authors* know very well, that nothing can render a Miniſtry ſo odious in *England*, as their being *for a General Exciſe*. Thoſe *two Words* have a terrible Sound; and, therefore, being beaten out of all their other idle and wretched Stories, they have *Recourſe to this*. But does it not ſhew a moſt prodigious Diſpoſition to abuſe, when Men will allow themſelves to take up with every Fiction, perhaps, *merely a Fiction* of their own Brain? What Company do theſe Men keep? Do they only ſee one another? Where is this Report? And from whom did it proceed? Ten Thouſand to One, but the ſame Perſons who *mention the Report, made the Report*, on purpoſe to fill up a Paper from Mr. *Hampden*, and throw Dirt upon the Miniſtry.

I will not enter at preſent into the Controverſy concerning *a General Exciſe*; tho' moſt Men of Senſe in the Kingdom are of Opinion, that 'twould be the moſt equal way of Taxing; for every Perſon *then would pay Taxes in Proportion to what he conſumed*. But, this I'm very ſure of, that ſeveral of the Taxes, at preſent, are *very unequal and burdenſome*; and, that a great Part of the Reaſoning, in the laſt *Craftſman*, about a *General Exciſe*, is very weak. When he talks of the *Importance of Exciſemen*, in influencing Elections of Members of Parliament, 'twould make one Laugh. To what ſad Shifts are *thoſe Men* reduced? An *Exciſeman* influence Elections! They might as well have ſaid, *a Chimney-ſweeper*; for the Common Exciſemen are generally the moſt contemptible Race of Men in the Kingdom; without Money, or Senſe, or Eloquence; and, generally, Strangers in that Part of the Nation where they are plac'd; and yet *able to Influence Elections!* 'Tis a ſign the Peace is made, and that the Adverſaries have nothing to ſay, when they ſubmit to the ſhameful Drudgery of publiſhing ſuch Stuff as this.

There is another Reflection, by way of Comment on Mr. *Hampden's* Diſcourſe, which we ought not to paſs by. Mr. *Hampden* ſays, *The Parliament, after the Reſtoration, ſettled an yearly Revenue of* 1,200,000 l. per Ann. *upon the Crown.* Now comes the Remark, *We may ſee from hence how the Expences of the Government have increaſed ſince the Reſtoration, the whole Eſtabliſhment at that time being but little more than what is now granted for that ſingle Branch of it*, CALL'D THE CIVIL LIST. This Remark is as *ſtupid*, as 'tis *malicious: The Expences of the Government are increaſed!* No doubt of it; 'twould be a Miracle if they were not. The *Expences of the Government* muſt increaſe, with the *Expences of the People*; and the *Expences of the People* will increaſe, with the *Wealth of the People.* If our *learned Remarker* would have gone as far back as Queen *Elizabeth*, he would have found the Expences of the Crown, not a hundred thouſand Pound *per Annum*; but a hundred thouſand Pound then, was equal to 6 or 8 now; and a Million of Money *at the Reſtoration*, would go as far as 2 or 3 Millions *at this Time.*—I was going on, but enough at preſent.

*I am, dear Sir,*
*with great Affection and Eſteem,*
*your obliged Friend and Servant,*
F. OSBORNE.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

*Liſbon, Feb.* 22.

LEtters from ſeveral Provinces of this Kingdom are at a Loſs to deſcribe the Miſeries occaſioned by the late Tempeſt, the Overflowing of the Rivers, and the high Tides. They tell us, that on the 7th, 8th and 9th Inſtant, the Sea

was ſo boiſterous, and ſwell'd to ſuch an uncommon height, that the Waves thereof beat over the Walls of Fort St. Julian, laid the ſaid Fort under Water, and ſpoiled the only Ciſtern that was there: That they poured with ſuch a Force into the Fortreſs of St. Katharine, tho' it ſtands upon a Hill, that the Inhabitants were obliged to abandon it: That the Violence of the Waves was ſo great, that Part of the Wall of the Tower of St. Laurence *de Cabeca ſecca* was beat down by them; and a Rock, ſituate near Fort St. Julian ſplit in two: That the Rivers overflowing, their Waters cover'd all the Lands for the Space of almoſt half a League on both Sides: That the Suburbs of Villanova de Portimao were entirely laid under Water: That ſeveral Houſes in the Boroughs, as well as Villages, were borne down by the Torrent: That all the Salt, of which there was a great Quantity at Advor, was ſpoiled; and that the Storm was ſo violent, that moſt of the Trees were blown down.

*Briſſels, April* 2. The Archdutcheſs our Governeſs has received an Expreſs from Vienna, with Advice that the Treaty which was upon the Carpet, between his Imperial Majeſty and the King of Great Britain, had been concluded and ſigned there: Upon which News, the Oſtend Company's Stock roſe to about 60 *per Cent.* above Par.

*Hague, April* 4. On the 1ſt Inſtant Count Sinzendorff received an Expreſs from Vienna, with a Copy of the Treaty concluded there; and his Excellency has ſince been in Conference with the Lords of the Regency.

*Amſterdam, April* 6. Some Letters from Cadiz confirm, that the Sea being blown away in the late Storm, they had diſcovered the Ruins of a Temple, which was believed to be that of Hercules, ſo famous in Antiquity; and that three Statues were found therein, one of which is gilt with Gold, the ſecond is of maſſy Silver, and the third of Braſs unknown; all three exceedingly beautiful.

*Paris, April* 7. The Queen is very well in Health, but was blooded the 29th, and purged the 31ſt paſt, by way of Prevention.

The Criminal Judge at a certain Country Town, being ſuſpicious that the Executioner wou'd not whip a young Woman to his Mind, would aſſiſt at the Operation; and imagining the Hangman favoured her, he took the Whip out of his Hand, and whipt her himſelf in a moſt cruel manner. When he was tired, he gave the Hangman the Whip again, who complimented him as a Brother, and a perfect Maſter in the Buſineſs of his Office. The Judge took this as ſuch an Affront, that he ordered the poor Executioner to the Galleys; but as an Appeal will lie in this Caſe, there is nothing done in it as yet; and it is not doubted the Judge will be ſeverely reprimanded.

A Perſon ſent to Senegal, in Search of Mines, is returned, and ſays that having travelled 300 Leagues into the Country, he came to a great Chain of Mountains, in which there are ſeveral Gold Mines, and that all the Rivers that flow from thoſe Mountains have Gold Duſt, of which he has brought a little Bag as a Specimen.

*Taunton, March* 18. This Afternoon the Aſſizes ended here, when the four following Perſons received Sentence of Death, viz. Henry White, for ſtealing a Mare from Richard Hammer; Joſeph Beniſon, for breaking open the Dwelling Houſe of John Court of Milverton, and ſtealing a conſiderable Sum of Money; James White, for Felony; and Robert Sealy, for ſtealing a grey Gelding from Mr. Paul Courteſs of Harptree under Mendip. The two Whites and Beniſon are reprieved, but we hear that Sealy is to be executed at Ilcheſter on Wedneſday the 7th of April.

*Norwich, March* 27. On Wedneſday Morning Mary Taylor was carried from our Caſtle to Lynn, where on Thurſday, about One in the Afternoon, ſhe was burnt to Aſhes at a Stake, for being concerned in the Murder of her Miſtreſs; and at the ſame time one Smith, who murdered her, was hanged for the ſaid Fact. Mary Taylor, I am informed, denied to the laſt her being any way guilty of the Fact; and ſaid, that that wicked Wretch Smith could entirely clear her of it if he would; for that he well knew ſhe was wholly innocent of the Crime ſhe ſuffered for: She behaved with much Decency, ſeemed very penitent, and declared ſhe died in Charity: She gave a few Shrieks when the Fire firſt began to burn about her, and lifted up her Hands amidſt the Flames, but was ſoon ſuffocated. As for Smith, it ſeems he was very drunk at the Gallows, behaved like a Madman, and ſeemed to have little Concern either for his Guilt or his Puniſhment; however, he deſired all Maſters to pay their Servants their Wages on the Saturday, that they might not want Money to ſpend, and be forced to run into Debt; and when the Cart was drawing away, he called out to have it ſtop, and then pulled off his Shoes; ſaying, My Mother always told me I ſhould die in my Shoes, but I will make her a Lyar.

*Hereford, March* 27. This Day Robert Weaver was executed for the Robbery and Murder of Tho. Matthews, Bailiff of Mr. Monington, and afterwards hung in Chains upon White-Hill, in the Pariſh of Weobly, near the Place where he committed the Fact; of which he made an ample Confeſſion, declaring that it was not his Intent to murder the aforeſaid Tho. Matthews, but Mr. Monington, his Maſter, and that he met with this untimely Fate thro' the Perſuaſions of William Sayſell, his Accomplice, who was admitted an Evidence againſt him: And tho' his Behaviour both before and at his Trial was very ſtubborn, yet after Sentence of Death was paſs'd upon him, a viſible Alteration was diſcovered therein, and 'tis hoped he died a true Penitent.

*Northampton, March* 29. On Friday laſt was executed here William Walker (late belonging to the Right Hon. the Lord Cobham's Regiment of Horſe) condemned at our laſt Aſſizes (with one Parſons, ſince reprieved, ſome favourable Circumſtances being repreſented on his Behalf) for the Murder of John Hall at the Toll-Houſe in St. James's-Street End near this Town; and with him was executed John Woodroffe, a Foot Soldier, for Felony and Burglary.

Walker, the Morning before the Execution, ſent a Letter in order to be publiſhed, and at the Place of Execution made a long Speech to the ſame Effect, with ſome Additions, endeavouring to prove, in ſome trifling Circumſtances, that the Evidences againſt him were all perjured. He declared that he committed the Fact for which he died, and that he was far from any Dread or Fear of Death; and obſerved, that the World had done his Wife injuſtice, in reflecting on her Character, in reſpect to her lawful Marriage with him.

Woodroffe had little to ſay for himſelf, but hoped his ſhameful End would be a Warning to the Spectators.

The Ropes being put about their Necks, they ſaluted each other, and repeated the Lord's Prayer with a loud Voice; after which, as they were praying earneſtly, the Cart drew away.

*Nottingham, March* 25. On Thurſday laſt in the Evening Mr. Baron Thomſon arrived here to hold the Aſſizes. He was met about a Mile and half from the Town by John Nevill, Eſq; our High Sheriff, who was attended by the greateſt Number of Gentlemen, &c. that has been known on the like Occaſion for theſe 20 Years paſt. The next Day the Tryals began at the Town-hall, when Gervaſe Keatly was try'd for the Murder of Robert Birch, and found Guilty of Manſlaughter. Joſeph Stocks was try'd upon two Indictments, for a Miſdemeanor, as being the Author of two threatning Letters ſent to Mr. Fellows, an eminent Frame-work-knitter of this Town; he was acquitted of one, and found guilty of the other; upon which he was fin'd 5 Marks, a Year's Impriſonment, and to find Security for his good Behaviour for five Years.

At the County Hall one Perſon received Sentence of Death for ſtealing two Mares, and ordered for Execution. One Slye, an old Man of Newark, was try'd for ſending threatning Letters to Mr. Spragging of the ſame Town, and found guilty.

## LONDON.

On Sunday laſt the Rt. Rev. Dr. Harris, Lord Biſhop of Landaff, preached before their Majeſties, his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, and the three eldeſt Princeſſes, in the Chappel-Royal at St. James's; and the ſame Day the Rev. Dr. Micklethwait preached before his Royal Highneſs the Duke, and the Princeſſes Mary and Louiſa, in his Highneſs's Apartment.

The ſame Day arrived an Expreſs from Seville, by whom came Letters dated the 12th paſt, O. S. adviſing, that his Catholick Majeſty had given Orders for the delivering the Flota's Treaſure to the Proprietors, in ſuch Proportion, as that in Caſe of Deficency (which it ſeems was expected) all might fare alike, The Indulto was fixed at 5 per Cent. and what Money ſhould be ſhort delivered was to be paid out of the next Treaſure the King receives, till which the Proprietors have an Intereſt thereon of 6 per Cent. allowed them.

We hear that a Privy Seal is ſent abroad to call home a Perſon of Quality.

The Hon. James Cholmondeley, Eſq; is elected Member of Parliament for the Borough of Boſſiney in Cornwall, in the room of Robert Corker, Eſq; deceaſed. And

We hear the ſaid James Cholmondeley, Eſq; will be appointed ſecond Lieutenant Colonel to the third Troop of Life-Guards, in the room of John Mohun, Eſq; deceaſed.

On Tueſday Night, Mr. White, a Wholeſale Button-maker in Kingſtreet, going to his Country Houſe at Newington, was flung off his Horſe in the Road by the Artillery Wall, by a Cart, the Man whipping his Fore-Horſe; by the Fall he broke his Thigh, and being carried into the Py'd Horſe at Finsbury, he died immediately. The Coroner's Inqueſt have ſat on his Body, and brought in their Verdict, *Accidental Death.* His Eſtate, reckoned very conſiderable, falls to his Son and Daughter, the former of which is deaf and dumb.

Seals and Exceptions before Eaſter Term.

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| Martis, | April 27. | Firſt General Seal. |
| Mercurii, | 28. | |
| Jovis, | 29. | Exceptions. |
| Veneris, | 30 | Exceptions. |
| Sabbati, | May 1. | Exceptions. |
| Lunæ, | 3. | Second General Seal. |
| Martis, | 4. | Petitions and Cauſes by Conſent. |

Laſt Saturday Night a Sharper ſnatch'd a Cloak off a Gentleman's Shoulders at the Playhouſe Door in Lincoln's Inn Fields; but the Gentleman crying out, *Stop Thief*, he let the Cloak fall, which one of his Companions took up, and carried to the Gentleman, who gave him 5 s. for his Trouble, and directly offer'd his Service to help him on with it, for which the Gentleman thank'd him; and when he was turn'd about, the Rogues ſnatch'd it away, with his Hat and Wig, and made clear off with them.

On Tueſday laſt one Elizabeth Grindley was committed to Newgate by Sir Richard Hopkins, being charged with picking the Pocket of Francis Gervas Gent. of four Guineas.

On Thurſday the Aſſizes ended at Kingſton upon Thames for the County of Surrey, which proved a Maiden one, none being capitally convicted. Between 20 and 30 were ordered for Tranſportation; and ſeveral burnt in the Hand and whipped.

On the 25th the Aſſizes ended at Derby, when the four following Perſons received Sentence of Death, viz. Thomas Doleman, for ſtealing a Silver Watch and two Guineas; George Robinſon, for breaking open a Box, and taking thereout nine Pounds in Money; and William Walker and John Smith, alias William Billings, for Horſe-ſtealing; the three firſt were reprieved, and John Smith alias William Billings, who is an old Offender, having been twice capitally convicted before, and once tranſported, was ordered for Execution. Barbara Ingall was try'd for Petty Treaſon, in poiſoning her Husband, William Ingall, and acquitted. A Woman was try'd for wilfully ſetting Fire to a Cow-houſe, which conſumed the ſame; but it appearing ſhe was a Lunatick, ſhe was acquitted, and the Judge order'd her to be put into a Mad-houſe, or ſome of her Friends to give Security for her good Behaviour during her Life. One was burnt in the Hand, and three order'd for Tranſportation.

On Saturday laſt at Mercer's Hall in Cheapſide, was held a Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Maſons, when the Rt. Hon. Thomas Lord Lovell, Baron of Minſter-Lovell, Knight of the moſt Honourable Order of the Bath, was choſen Grand Maſter, who was pleaſed to appoint Thomas Batſon, Eſq; to be his Deputy Grand Maſter, George Douglas, M. D. and James Chambers, Eſq; to be his Grand Wardens for the Year enſuing: There were preſent, the Duke of Montagu, Duke of Richmond, Earl of Inchiquin, Lord Colerane, Dr. Deſaguliers, and George Payne, Eſq; (formerly Grand-Maſters) the Right Hon. the Lord Brudenell, Sir Cecil Wray, Bart. Sir James Thornhill, and ſeveral other Perſons of Quality and Diſtinction; where every Thing was conducted with the greateſt Decency, Unanimity and Order, above four hundred Brethren being preſent.

We have a melancholy Account from Kenſington, that the Wife of Mr. Whitehorn, a Diſtiller in that Town, who has not been married above half a Year, had appointed to ſet out on Friday laſt to ſpend ſome Days with a Relation in Surrey. She told her Husband, that he being a Lover of a hard Flour Pudding, ſhe would make one for his Dinner before ſhe ſet out; which he agreed to. Some time before Dinner, Mr. Dukes, a Diſtiller at Hammerſmith, with whom he ſerved his Time, called upon him; and Mr. Whitehorn prevailed upon him to ſtay and dine with him, telling him that his Wife was gone out of Town, and he was alone. Mr. Betts, who keeps the Bell over againſt him, was to have dined with them; but was happily prevented by a Chaiſe ſtopping at his Door juſt as the Pudding was ſet on Table. Within half an Hour after they had dined, Mr. Dukes took his Leave; and in leſs than an Hour, both Mr. Whitehorn and he found the Effect of the Pudding, and that both of them were poiſon'd; being very much ſwell'd, and under the greateſt Torture that can be expreſſed. Mr. Dukes took ſeveral Drams on the Road homeward, which did him little Service; and Mr. Whitehorn, by the Advice of his Neighbours, took a great Quantity of Oyl, which gave him great Relief: His Wife was ſent for Home, and on Enquiry it appeared, that ſhe ſent one of the Charity Children in the Town to get her a Penny worth of beaten Ginger, ſome of which being left, it proved to be the moſt rank Poiſon, yellow Arſenick.

A Man is taken up, and is now in Cuſtody of Mr. Beſt, an Officer in Shire Lane, on Suſpicion of making counterfeit Half-pence.

*Deaths.* Saturday died Mrs. Clark, Wife of —— Clark, Eſq; at his Houſe in Kenſington-Square.——Sunday died, at his Houſe in Wine-Office-Court, Fleet-ſtreet, Dr. Mountford, one of the Cenſors of the College of Phyſicians.—— Monday died at his Houſe in Gould Square in Crutched Friars, Lewin Cholmley, Eſq; Brother of the late John Cholmley, Eſq; who for many Years was one of the Repreſentatives in Parliament for the Borough of Southwark, whom he ſucceeded in the Brewhouſe in that Borough.—The ſame Day died at his Houſe in Spittle-Square, Spittle-Fields, the Rev. John Kinch, L. L. D. a very eminent Diſſenting Miniſter, of the Baptiſt Denomination.—— The ſame Night died, at his Houſe in Poland-ſtreet by Great Marlborough Street, Col. Mohun, ſecond Lieutenant Colonel in the 3d Troop of Horſe Guards.—We hear that Bulkley Mackworth, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of Salop, died lately at his Seat at Buntingſdale in that County. —Died alſo ſome Days ſince — Owen, of Cuader, Eſq; in the ſaid County.—Wedneſday died at his Lodgings in Pall Mall, after a few Days Illneſs, ——Simpſon, Eſq; of the County of York —— Tueſday died ſuddenly, at his Houſe at Hammerſmith, John Wallis, Eſq;

*Prices of Goods at* Bear Key.

| | per Quarter. | | per Quarter. |
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| Wheat | 22 to 29 | Hog Peaſe | 12 to 14 |
| Rye | 13 to 14 6 | Peaſe | 17 to 19 |
| Barley | 12 to 16 6 | Pale Malt | 17 to 21 |
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I apply'd my ſelf to him, and he has effectually cured me: And I deſire this may be publiſhed, and for this only Reaſon, that others afflicted in the like manner may Hand, where to find Relief as I have done. Witneſs my hand

*Oct.* 1. 1730. JOHN FREEMAN

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Who to my great Comfort was in about a Month's Time, and for a reaſonable Expence effectually cured me of all my before mentioned Complaints: Therefore, for the Benefit of all Perſons afflicted, as well as out of Gratitude to the ſaid Mr. MOORE, I think myſelf obliged to make this publick Acknowledgment of my Cure.

*April* 28 1730 MARY TALBOY.

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